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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
AND APPLIED SCIENCES

SAAS 1890 Scholars Program Application (College Level)

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the Alcorn State University's SAAS 1890 Scholars Program. The purpose of the SAAS 1890 Scholars Program is to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring, and training of undergraduate students, pursuing studies in the food and agricultural sciences. The scholarship is intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 institutions to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences that will lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

The program is open to currently enrolled or college transfer students who exhibit exemplary leadership traits and demonstrated community service. The scholarship is highly competitive and provides up to \$10,000 per academic year and can be used toward tuition payments, books/software, room and board, for up to four years to selected students enrolled or accepted for major enrollment at Alcorn State University within the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Selection Criteria

In order to be eligible for the scholarship students must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be currently enrolled in an academic major in the areas of food, agriculture and natural resources offered by the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (SAAS) at Alcorn State University, or have been accepted for transfer into one of the above majors.
3. Transfer students must be enrolled at Alcorn State University in the SAAS academic major of interest no later than one year after the date of acceptance.
4. Intend to pursue a career in the food, agricultural or natural resource-related areas.
5. Have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 at the time of application and maintain at least a 3.0 each semester while receiving the scholarship.
6. Be enrolled as a full-time student in a SAAS academic major, which is defined as being registered for a minimum of 12 hours each semester, in courses outlined in the respective program of study and approved by the student's academic advisor.

Supporting Documents for College/Transfer Applications

In addition to the above criteria, the following application documents are required, based upon level of entry:

1. Privacy Act Advisory Statement and Release Form
2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
3. Biographical questionnaire
4. Current resume
5. Current official transcript with the institution's seal and/or signature of an authorized college or university official (preferably through the most recent quarter/semester)
6. Essay of 500-800 words, describing the applicant's interest and intent to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences or related fields
7. Two letters of recommendation (one from either the department head or dean, and the other from a faculty member)
8. Signed and dated application (including the signature of the parent or guardian, if the applicant is younger than age 18).

Eligible Majors

The following SAAS baccalaureate degree programs and concentrations are eligible majors for this scholarship:

Degree Program	Concentrations/Cognates
1. Agricultural Economics	N/A
2. Agribusiness Management	N/A
3. Agriculture Sciences	Plant and Soil Science, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Forestry, General Agriculture, Biotechnology, Agricultural Education, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences
4. Human Development and Family Science	N/A
5. Food, Nutrition and Community Health Sciences	N/A
6. Applied Sciences	Only Geospatial Engineering Technology

Application Deadline

All application materials must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2021**, and sent to the attention

of:

Dr. Edmund Buckner
1000 ASU Drive #690
Alcorn State University
Lorman, MS 39096

or

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Selection Process

The selection committee reviews the applicant's total packet. Any application packet with missing items will not be reviewed.

PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires that you be given certain information in connection with this request for information. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements for this Act, please be advised:

1. Furnishing the information requested is voluntary.
2. The data will be used for selection of SAAS Scholar Program, printing certificates, and related activities.
3. The data is maintained in a privacy act system as defined by National Archives and Records Administration under OMB.
4. Failure to complete the form will mean that you cannot be included among those candidates being considered for this scholarship program.

I, _____, understand that I am a candidate for the SAAS 1890 Scholar Program at Alcorn State University. I have read the Privacy Act Advisory Statement, and affirm my wish to be considered. In the event that I am named a scholar, permission is hereby given for the release of materials submitted by me for the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Alcorn State University as deemed appropriate for purposes of the scholarship program.

I further consent to the release of photographs that may be taken of me, by or for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Alcorn State University in connection with the program.

I am (check one) _____ willing _____ unwilling

to appear on radio and/or television if such arrangements are made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or Alcorn State University in connection with the scholarship program.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Note: Original signatures only. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Candidate's Biographical Questionnaire (Please Print)

The questions that follow are designed to collect information about your background, your interests, and your plans. Your answers to these questions will be used only in connection with your application for this scholarship program and will be divulged only to qualified persons who must see them during their duties.

A. Biographical Information

Legal Name (Please print in full) _____
Last First Middle

Sex _____ Male _____ Female

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____

Telephone (Cell) _____

Age _____ Race _____

Are you a US citizen?

Email Address _____

B. Education

Name of college/university currently attending _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

GPA (on a 4.0 unweighted scale) _____

A# _____ Are staying on or off campus?

Expected Graduation Date _____

1. List any other schools that you attended in the last four years. List the schools in order of attendance, with the one you attended most recently listed first.

Name of School	Address	Attendance Dates

2. What course of study (declared major) will you pursue?

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3. Have you made career decisions related to agriculture, food sciences, natural resources or related disciplines? Yes No

Please explain:

C. Activities

List volunteer services and jobs, you have held in the past four years (*be concise and limit your responses to the space provided*) including summer employment

Activity	Dates of Participation	Title/Position Held	Awards (<i>include monetary, plaques, or letters of recommendation or appreciation</i>)

Did you receive any other scholarships? If so, what's the amount?

D. Essay

Submit an essay of 500-800 words, describing your interest and intent to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences or related fields.

You may provide your essay below or you may attach a type-written copy of your essay to the application.

Signatory Page

Final note: Review this form to make sure you have answered all questions completely. Proofread, spellcheck and edit your responses for completeness.

Certification

I certify that I completed this application and that all statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement could eliminate me from consideration for this scholarship.

Print Legal Name

Signature

Date

Application Checklist

1.	I have read and understand the eligibility requirements and meet all eligibility criteria.	
2.	I am submitting an original application and transcript to Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.	
3.	I have applied for admission or am currently enrolled at Alcorn State University.	
4.	I have read and completed the Candidate's Biographical Information section.	
5.	I have enclosed two letters of recommendation from the following: 1. Department head, dean of college, or one of the university vice presidents 2. College professor who has served as an instructor in one of my courses	
6.	I have enclosed a 500-800-word essay on the topic provided.	
7.	I have signed and dated the application (original signature only).	
8.	I understand that the application package must be postmarked no later than Monday March 15, 2021 , for consideration for the Alcorn State University SAAS 1890 Scholars Program.	